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(U) On June 3, Post discussed reftel talking points with John Morrin, Assistant Principal for International Affairs in the Customs Enforcement Division of the Office of Revenue Commissioners. Morrin said that Ireland would support the adoption of the Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade at the June 23-25 session of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Council in Brussels. He noted that Irish Customs Commissioner Josephine Feehily would attend the session. He added that Ireland also favored the provision of resources for capacity-building activities relating to the Framework's implementation in developing countries, to be coordinated through the WCO's new Directorate for Capacity Building. Morrin also said that Ireland regarded Michael Schmitz, Assistant Commissioner in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Regulations and Rulings, as a strong candidate for the post of WCO Director for Compliance and Facilitation.

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